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A MINUTE OF CONCERN

—From Santa Fe Monthly Meeting

The following Minute has been considered by Santa Fe Monthly meeting during two business sessions. It was written by an individual, BRYCE BABCOCK, following "a very illuminating meeting" with ROSS FLANAGAN. It is hereby presented to the Yearly Meeting, according to one of the suggested procedures — offered to the membership of the Yearly Meeting through the pages of the Bulletin.—Ed.

"... I believe we (Friends) may best serve the cause of nonviolence and nonviolent action by seeking to apply our insights and energies to the cutting or creative edge of such activity through the establishment of some kind of ashram or study-training center for nonviolence . . ."

—From "Friends and Public Witness," a memo from Ross Flanagan, November 1, 1961.

We agree with Ross Flanagan that the establishment of a kind of ashram or training center would seem to best meet a number of real needs both within the "peace movement," and in society at large. We further agree that this is an area of concern where Friends' insights and energies might be of special value.

Therefore, we would like to urge the various Monthly Meetings within Pacific Yearly Meeting to study and discuss the possible roles that Friends (both as individuals and Meetings) might take in establishing such a center. We might, as a beginning, discuss and study these specific points:

1) The possibility of some Monthly Meetings making some financial or spiritual commitment towards the initiation of this project.

3) The possibility of a voluntary tax among Friends, as a continuing source of financial support. (This could be in addition to the voluntary 1% tax for the U.N. Many other religious groups, particularly the Mormons, practice tithing, or giving 10% of their income.)

4) The possibility of American Friends Service Committee participation through the organizing of work camps to assist in setting up the necessary physical plant.

5) The possibility of establishing, perhaps through the Yearly Meeting, a special committee or subcommittee of Friends who are particularly interested in this sort of project as a means of applying our historic peace testimony to current problems. This committee could engage in the involved and difficult task of planning

and bringing into being a study and training center for nonviolence, to serve the Pacific Yearly Meeting area.

No doubt other specific points and areas of concern will arise from the discussions within Monthly Meetings.

To conclude, we feel that the establishment of an Ashram-type training and study center is an imperative need. We need a way to take our belief in nonviolence out of the realm of argument and theory, and to demonstrate to our troubled society how it would work when put into actual practice and translated into action. We need to put our faith to the test, and by so doing offer society not just a belief or idea as an alternative to the arms race, but an alternative *opportunity* for constructive action.

We need to demonstrate that nonviolence is not synonymous with the "better red than dead" position, but that we, too, are ready to show sacrifice and to suffer for our ideals and convictions. We need to show others that those of us who refuse to cooperate in preparation for genocide, are at the same time willing to "enlist for the duration" in the struggle against oppression and injustice. We need to demonstrate that nonviolent resistance is a better way to defend freedom, and that even if it fails it is a nobler way to die.

The establishment of a center, we feel, is one step Friends can take in the direction of transforming these words into actuality.

TOWARD THE JOHN WOOLMAN SCHOOL

We have all learned too much this last thirty years about the dangers of an all-powerful central government to be in any doubt as to the importance of keeping alive as a vital, if minor thread, the opportunity for private education. As a relatively small sect, with no desire to attain secular power, yet with beliefs and concerns which have departed from the common attitudes of the culture around them, Friends have from the beginning been aware of the value of an alternative to the public school. Without feeling that all—or most, even—of our members would find a Friends School the most desirable approach to learning, it has been our constant understanding that, when the need is there, it is usually a powerful one, and that it is our pro-

per obligation to see that the need is met.

California has just recently become the most populous state in the union. The whole West Coast is rapidly filling up. Yet because of its historical development there are few Friends Schools here, and no secondary boarding school. The new nearest boarding schools are in Canada and Iowa, and these cannot be expected to solve our local problem. This can be successfully attacked only by Californians meeting their responsibilities, and by those not living in the state who are able to understand the peculiar difficulties under which we make the effort to meet this need, being willing to help us get our start.

What are these special problems? Essentially, they are the financial problems of any group of middle-class people who missed out on the cheap land of early settling. Here Friends Meetings are relatively new; land is very expensive, as is the cost of construction. Many of our Meetings are without meeting houses or are under heavy financial obligations for recent construction of meeting houses, or for expansion necessary to match growing population. To add the obligation of support for a boarding school is no easy undertaking. Yet such are the booming real estate prices, and the general problem of inflation, that postponement of the project is likely to be a permanent conclusion to the matter.

College Park Educational Association

Five years ago, various Monthly Meetings of the College Park Quarterly Meeting set up a non-profit corporation, with members appointed one from each Monthly Meeting, and several at large from the Quarterly Meeting. This Association now meets quarterly. Through the past years it has done much background study, and also engaged in a practical project, designed to give itself experience in a broad range of problems: personnel, curriculum construction, fiscal problems, student selection. This is the Friends Summer School, which has had a continuing success ever since its beginning, intellectually as well as financially. Each summer has had its unique core of intellectual concerns, under unique staff. Each has also, of course, had unique problems. Nonetheless we feel confident that it has provided intellectual and spiritual enrichment to the lives of high-school-age students of the West Coast. But perhaps more important, in terms of the realization of a nine-month school, the Summer School has encouraged a growing realism concerning operational problems, as well as an increasing conviction of the need for a regular secondary school.

The active administrators of the Association are its directors, at present three: MARSHALL PALLEY, chairman; ROBERT BELOOF, secretary; and CLARE MILLIKAN, treasurer.

Possible Location

The Association has decided to locate the John Woolman School in the Grass Valley-Nevada City area. This is in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, at an elevation of about 2500 feet. It is a drive of 3 or 4 hours from the Bay Area.

We have decided on this area after looking rather intensively at various sites for over four years. A number of reasons lie behind the decision:

- 1) There seemed little point in establishing a boarding school in, or quite near to, the Bay Area. Properly speaking, a boarding school should be far enough away so that parents will not feel encouraged to constant visitation, yet near enough to minimize the transportation problem for holidays.
- 2) There should be some kind of compromise between a rural and an urban setting. It is hoped that the school site would serve as a general focus for Friends' summer activities (family camps, summer school, etc.), yet there were cogent reasons against a school with no larger community ties. The two cities of Grass Valley and Nevada City, lying as they do within a few miles of each other, have a combined population of 7,000. Yet a few miles out is quite wild country, offering a good deal of seclusion. The area is high enough to avoid the worst heat of summer, yet low enough to avoid the worst problems of the mountain winter.
- 3) Many persons have urged that Friends should have a concern to reach inland, to extend centers of interest into the interior. It is true, certainly, that most Friends Meetings are on or near the coast, and establishing a school in this area would provide a new focal point for like-minded people.
- 4) But the most valid reason, perhaps, is that in this area there are people who are eager to have the school and willing to contribute to its establishment. The board has made many visits to the area during the last months, and with each visit has grown increasingly happy with the persons we have met. We also think the school could play a spiritually creative part in the community. At present a small worship group interested in Friends' beliefs meets regularly in the area.

In short, while a gift of land in another location would probably have considerable weight in our fixing upon a location, we are convinced that, if we are to buy the land, this area is as promising as any we could find.

The Resident

Last year the Association came to a clear sense that it had done all the preliminary work which could be profitably pursued. Its summer schools have been successful, but the big gain in experience from them, so far as the board is

concerned, has been achieved. It seemed to us that we must seek guidance for the next step.

As so often happens, this search coincided with the discovery that DON ELTON SMITH of Watsonville, Calif., was seeking new paths of usefulness and was ready to leave his present occupation. Don Smith has been a member of the Association from the beginning, as a representative of his Meeting, Monterey Peninsula. His attendance has been constant; his faith and interest have never wavered. In every instance the Association has found his judgment to be sound. There was, in short, unanimity within the Association that, if he were interested, he was the one we wanted as resident on the Woolman School site, to supervise construction, interpret plans to the local community and to Friends, be on hand to welcome vacation and work groups and to make fullest use of the enthusiasms and abilities of all.

Don Smith attended Whittier College; he has had experience as a cabinet maker and has for twelve years been in the poultry business. He and Harriette Smith have two children. He has served for many years as clerk of Monterey Peninsula Meeting.

A Task for All Friends

The Association feels clear, then, in appealing to Friends to do all in their power to take advantage of this opportunity and to make it possible for us to employ Don Smith as resident, to purchase a site and start construction. The aim would be the opening of the school by the fall of 1963, at least on a minimal basis. To accomplish this we must raise about \$15,000 in the next few months. We are convinced that if this moment is lost, it may well mean the end of all hope.

When the Association started the Summer School, it asked the Meetings to provide scholarship money for students who could not afford the whole tuition. This money was forthcoming. As a next step, the Association asked Meetings to pledge \$5,000 yearly, half to go toward immediate scholarships to enable students to go to existing Friends' boarding schools, and half to go into savings for future construction of a school on the West Coast. In addition, individual Friends, in many cases Friends who were already contributing through their Meetings, have pledged over a third of the immediate \$15,000 need. Therefore we feel clear in presenting our spiritual and educational aims and asking Friends who are sympathetic to join us in making possible this educational adventure. Further inquiries are invited; the address of the College Park Friends Educational Association is 1617 Spruce St., Berkeley, Calif.

—MARSHALL PALLEY
Berkeley Meeting

THE GOAL

The distant goal I can not see —

The path is clear;

A life of toil my only plea,

My daily tasks can form the key,

I have no fear.

As I labor on each day,

If I can cheer

Some weary soul along the way,

Who, like myself, is prone to stray,

The goal is near.

—LOUIS OBED RENNE
Palo Alto Meeting

AFRICAN JOURNEY

I owed my chance to visit Africa to the meeting of the Friends World Committee at Kaimosi, in western Kenya, among the Friends of East Africa Yearly Meeting. This Yearly Meeting, now an autonomous body of over 30,000 members, grew out of the mission work of midwestern Friends early in the century. Education has been a strong concern of Friends in Kenya, and Friends schools in the area have 900 teachers and 45,000 pupils. Leading East African Friends are taking their place in provincial and national affairs where they make increasing contributions as Kenya assumes independence. Attending local worship meetings of East African Friends, we visiting Quakers felt something of the enthusiasm there must have been in primitive Christianity. I attended a meeting in which 900 people sat for nearly three hours, Palestinian-fashion, on a hillside.

Kiambu

I was lucky enough to have an invitation from Chief Magugu, of Kiambu District and the Kibuyu tribe, to visit his farm. The chief, who has a son at La Verne College, picked me up in his Landrover and took me first to the fine modern district office, where he is a leading member of the district council. All the personnel in this district (which serves 400,000 Africans) are now African except one official, the finance advisor — evidence of the wise British policy of fostering local administration. This district has its troubles; one third of the taxes were in arrears, partly because people were "waiting for independence." (Half of the taxes go for education). Everyone was hoping that Jomo Kenyatta, recently released from custody, would make a statement urging the payment of taxes! Jomo unquestionably is the big man in Kenya, and much depends on the sort of leadership he gives the country during this transition period. His views on the whole have been moderate and constructive, but there are divergent elements and forces in the country, and some troubled years are probably ahead.

Chief Magugu, an elder in the Presbyterian

Church, farms twenty acres, the main cash crop being coffee. The chief is also head of the local coffee co-op, which runs four processing plants, one of which we visited. We had dinner at the chief's home, a thatched house with a hard dirt floor. The excellent meal was supervised by the chief's handsome and able wife, who, however, knows no English. Beside tables, chairs, sideboard and cupboard, the room had a piano. All the children are getting weekly piano lessons, and each played a piece for us. This family is now sending a second son to college—in England—one wonders how! I was shown a picture of three generations of this family of chiefs: the old chief, grim, pagan, but with strong character; then the present chief, urbane and smiling in his European clothes; then Arthur, the thoroughly contemporary son now at La Verne!

By Bus to Tanganyika

Going by bus to Tanganyika, you pass through the country of the cattle-raising Masai people. There is drought in their country, and the Masai are selling their cattle. I saw herds being driven to market. The Masai wear hoop ear-rings and reddish blankets, and carry spears; they park their spears in the aisle of the bus as they get on.

One sees wildebeast, ostrich, gazelle, giraffe on this bus ride. The giraffe are curious and stand and stare as the bus passes. They are always a little unbelievable! The game, like the cattle in East Africa, are suffering greatly from the drought.

In Tanganyika, I stayed in the Mount Meru area with Anton Nelson and his family, members of Palo Alto Meeting. For eight years Ax Nelson has been technical advisor to a large coffee co-operative. During this time, co-op members have increased their income by 400%. Anton's work is thus meshed in with the needs of the country, as it now gets its independence. The present Minister of Commerce and Industry, a Mr. Sway, was a manager of the Meru co-op during Anton's services with it.

Close by, I visited an A.F.S.C. project, called VISA, in which twelve very well qualified young American college graduates are about to embark on a two-year social welfare and technical aid program, under the leadership of Harry and Lois Bailey of San Fernando Meeting. They were learning Swahili and other local lore, as they prepared to work under Tanganyikan leadership on their various projects. I was much gratified to find the Bailey family quite recovered from the motor accident they had suffered, and they were in fine spirits.

Julius Nyerere, former prime minister of Tanganyika, is widely considered the most able of the East African leaders who are taking on the responsibility for self-government. Ax Nelson told me this story. On a leisurely crossing of

Lake Victoria, Mr. Nyerere was asked by a brash young American to name the great philosophers or others who had influenced him. Thoughtfully, Mr. Nyerere indicated the place which Jesus, St. Francis, and Gandhi had had in his life, and then he added that there was a man, quite unknown to the world, who had also greatly influenced him: a professor of chemistry at the University of Edinburgh, a Quaker, in whose home he had lived while a student. Ax did not know his name. Later, at Kaimosi, I asked Margaret Gibbins, a Friend from Scotland who is known to many in Pacific Yearly Meeting, who this professor might be. After a moment's hesitation she said, "Of course, Ernest Ludlam," a loved Scottish Quaker who died two years ago.

Johannesburg

Scarnell and Phyllis Lean, of the small Quaker Meeting in Johannesburg, were most hospitable to me during four days in this rich, big, modern city. The Friends meet in a University building, with Africans attending the meetings, and they do a good deal to keep lines of communications open between Africans and Europeans. Olive Gibson, an English Quaker sponsored by the Friends Service Committee in England, dispenses aid to African families, especially those who have suffered because of the government's apartheid policies. She told me her office is continually under government surveillance. We visited one of the huge "townships" outside Johannesburg, which are part of the government's program of "separate development" for Africans. We met there with a mixed group of Quakers and African social workers. The government is undoubtedly sincere in thinking that, through such a policy, each community can fulfill its natural destiny. Unfortunately—or perhaps fortunately—the economy of South Africa is not a separate affair. The future is cloudy indeed in this country in which Europeans make up a fifth of the population.

There is some hope in the new Progressive Party, which, in contrast to the other "opposition" party, the United, has come out definitely against apartheid. Though it won only one legislative seat in the recent election, this party is expected to grow in strength. It is also gratifying to learn that 200 ministers of the dominant Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa are banded together, on religious and ethical grounds, in opposition to the prevailing racial policies.

Southern Rhodesia

I was in the capital, Salisbury, when the UN semi-military action was taking place in nearby Katanga province of the Congo. I heard the Federation Prime Minister, Roy Welensky, speak in strong support of Mr. Tshombe and in

strong opposition both to the United Nations, and to the English and American attitudes in the Congo. The minister's speech seemed to me unfortunate in its encouragement of Mr. Tshombe's intransigent, separatist position.

Salisbury is a beautiful, fresh, new city, with wide streets and something of the look of a Western metropolis. But, like much of East Africa, it is in an unsettled state. Home investment, which a few years ago was booming, is now almost at a standstill. Nearby Nyasaland has an African-majority government. Northern Rhodesia would probably also soon have such a government, if Mr. Wellensky had not interfered in the forming of their constitution.

The white settler's point of view remains dominant in Southern Rhodesia. However, a well-qualified observer told me that in his opinion two-thirds of the Europeans (about one tenth of the population) would not ultimately stand out against majority — that is, African-dominated — rule. Lyle Tatum, AFSC representative here, has been most helpful in the two-way job of trying to relate himself to the local situation, and to explain the Rhodesian situation to people in the United States.

Ghana

I was generously entertained in Ghana by David and Barbara Acquah, Quakers, in their home in the handsome capital city, Accra. Ghana is perhaps the most advanced west African nation. Literacy is relatively high; there is a fast-moving social welfare and community development program at work. (David Acquah is deputy director of this department.) The port of Tema, near Accra, is being made into a modern deep-water port. One sees new buildings and ambitious projects going on in many places.

Is Ghana "Communist"? It has friendly relations with Russia and with Communist China. A large exposition was being presented by Red China while I was there, on ground across from the central government buildings. However, it seemed clear that Ghana is not Communist. Rather, she is intensely, even chauvinistically African and "Ghanaian". She gets aid from many places. The UN has projects here, as does the U.S. I met members of the U.S. agricultural extension mission which has been working among the villages for two years. I was told the U.S. will soon have an industrial exhibit in Accra, spread over 72 acres, which will dwarf the Chinese project.

The more disturbing thing in Ghana is a local brand of totalitarianism centering around the personality of the president. The picture of

"Osagyefo" (literally, "owner of the earth", a term derived from the chieftancy) is everywhere, and every good thing is attributed to him while no bad thing can be his fault. There was severe censorship of newspapers during the time I was in Ghana, perhaps because of the transportation strike then in progress. Observers, including thoughtful Ghanaians, are troubled at the totalitarian trend of the country, and also question whether the pace of economic development is not too great for the country's finances.

A Six-weeks Authority

I understand now the temptation of a person who has been to Africa for a few weeks, to write a book. The impact of the continent, with its hugeness, dramatic contrasts, wonderful scenery, strange animals, the exuberance and variety of its people and cultures, and now the rapid changes that are taking place in its civilization, is terrific. Resisting the temptation, I have tried to share with you a few of the impressions of my six-weeks swing through Africa.

—FERNER NUHN

Claremont Meeting

FRIENDS IN THE ORIENT

Impressed with the possibilities and challenges of the Orient as a factor for peace or conflict today, and inspired by the idea that we could add the "stubborn ounces of our weight" on the side of fellowship and reconciliation, Pacific Yearly Meeting endorsed the project of sending a Friend to the Orient as a nucleus for work with others in their efforts toward a peaceful and happy world. The Meeting asked Northwest Quarterly Meeting to accept responsibility for the project. A committee was appointed: FLOYD SCHMOE of University Meeting; CARL ESHELMAN and HOWARD SCOTT of Tacoma; RUSSELL MCARTHUR of Calgary.

The committee now announces that two Friends have been selected for the service and are available to go. They are DAVID and CATHERINE BRUNER of Stockton, Calif. David Bruner is professor of Sociology at the College of the Pacific and clerk of College Park Quarterly Meeting; Catherine Bruner was formerly clerk of Pacific Yearly Meeting. David Bruner has a sabbatical leave next year, and they will be free to go late in the summer. Their headquarters will be Hiroshima, where a house awaits them. From there they can reach out for helpful contacts in Japan, Korea, the Philippines.

The committee is now within a couple of thousand dollars of its goal for this project, and the response has been good from Meetings and individuals of the Yearly Meeting. Any who have not made any contribution might well consider whether they do not wish to have a part in this

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Time—August 13 to 18, 1962

Place—Bethany Bible College, near Santa Cruz, Calif.

adventure in understanding. Checks should be made out to Pacific Yearly Meeting, but should be sent to the committee, 13434 40th, N.E., Seattle 55, Wash.

FLOYD SCHMOE, chairman of the committee, writes: "Men and nations no longer live alone . . . Someone has said, 'The world is now too dangerous for anything but truth, and too small for anything but brotherhood.' Men of good will have no desire to separate themselves. Douglas Steere in an address at the Kenya meeting of the Friends World Committee called upon Friends to 'reach out hands of friendship to all peoples.'"

INTERIM COMMITTEE

Interim Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting will be meeting in San Francisco, March 24 and 25, 1962. Questions and suggestions should be sent to HAROLD CARSON, clerk, Box 349, Houghton, Washington.

REMINDER

At Yearly Meeting last August, "Monthly Meetings were reminded that half the obligation to Yearly Meeting should be sent by December 31, 1961, and the second half by June 30, 1962." As of February 2, 1962, seventeen of the Monthly Meetings have sent nothing to the treasurer.

It is important that we have enough money for the expenses of the various committees. Will those Meetings which have not paid, please send at least half their obligation (\$5 per member), to ROBERT YOUNG, treasurer, 234 Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, Calif. We will also appreciate having the second half before June 30.

—VERN JAMES, chairman
Finance Committee

FRIENDS RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The year, 1961, was both a year of frustration and a year of promise. Early in '61, FHA figures convinced us that their maximum available loan, together with our assets, was not enough to guarantee orderly operation during the first years. The board then decided to cut the building program from 25 to 15 units and ask applicants for advance payments. Subsequent talks with the Department of Welfare showed that such payments would have to go into a reserve fund and not be used for building expenses.

Then the Bureau of Internal Revenue discouraged our hopes for tax exemption, so that, at mid year, our hopes reached an all-time low. However, they began to rise when Orange Grove Meeting consented to sponsor the project and to appoint two members to the Board. The sponsorship does not mean any financial responsibility, but to many of us, it means a guarantee that our home is run in the manner of Friends.

In May we heard of a new loan agency for similar projects, and now our efforts are directed

to obtaining a loan from them. Their interest rate is lower (3%, as compared to 5% for FHA) and their loan would be for 48 years instead of 40. We have to change most of our legal documents and revise our planning. We have returned to our original plan for a 25-unit home, on a straight rental basis with advance payments not a condition of occupancy.

The financial appeal to individuals in Pacific Yearly Meeting has brought us more than \$2,000, and one large gift of stock amounted to \$2,765.

Our dream of cooperation between different Friends Meetings in the area seems on the way to becoming a reality. We begin the new year with several Board members from First Friends Church, Pasadena.

To all of you who have supported the project for three long years, our thanks for having had so much patience.

—REGA ENGELSBERG
Orange Grove Meeting

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

The General Meeting of Australian Friends, which met in Hobart, Tasmania, January 4 to 9, 1962, was much concerned about the government immigration policy, which imposes restrictions based on race. It sent to the government and released to the public a statement asking for relaxation of this policy, as a sign of brotherhood with people of all races.

Friends in Wellington, New Zealand, were much disturbed at the failure of their government to support a resolution in the United Nations to outlaw nuclear weapons, and are working on a statement on this subject.

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The Sequoia Seminars will continue during the summer months at Ben Lomond, Calif. Two periods next summer will be for parents who bring children, aged 3 to 10; one of these is a special seminar to be led by Allan Hunter on "The Religious Process — Prayer and Meditation." Full information may be obtained from Sequoia Seminars, Box 678, Palo Alto, Calif.

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Eastside Meeting moves into its new meeting house early in February. The Meeting plans a special service of dedication later in the spring.

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From Houston Texas, JAMES and ETHELAN HEASTON write, "We have moved again. Jim is working on his PhD. in microbiology at the University of Texas. We miss our wonderful friends in Pacific Yearly Meeting, but are making friends and Friends here. We are active in a Committee for Peaceful Action." Their new address is 3003 Cullen, Houston 4, Texas.

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Died: in December, 1961, ELOISE MARIE COATS, member of San Francisco Monthly Meeting. "She became a member of the Meeting in April, 1952. She soon found her chief vocation among us in the care of the library. She was often the first to seek out the attender and lead him to a book. Her concern was to find just the right book for each one. All her gifts of sympathy and loving interest were called upon in this service.

"Another vocation in which she took joy was oversight of the Sewing Group, where she subordinated mere production of garments to finding the right work for each person. She knew and cared for each worker.

To Elise persons were infinitely more important than causes. Her self-forgetful service was that of one to whom the Kingdom of Heaven was already come." (From the Meeting Newsletter)

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Died: on January 2, 1962, MARIANNA READ, member of Santa Monica Monthly Meeting. "She was a fine parchment whereon was written the best in the Quaker spirit. We had many things to thank her for, among them the beginning of the Santa Monica Friends Meeting." (From the Meeting Newsletter)

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Died: on December 26, 1961, in Pacific Grove, Calif., OTHA THOMAS, aged 85, a member of College Park Meeting, San Jose, Calif.

"Otha and Dana Thomas, shortly after their marriage in 1902, went as missionaries under the Society of Friends to Kotzebue, Alaska, where they served 4 years. Dana was also U.S. Commissioner and Superintendent of Reindeer, and Otha started the first government school there. Throughout her life she was interested in mission work, at St. Paul's and Willow Glen Methodist Churches and the Missionary Alliance. For over ten years she taught a monthly Bible lesson at the First Christian Church in San Jose.

"She was a recorded minister in the Society of Friends and served for several years as minister at the Stockton Ave. Friends Church, San Jose. She was a member of both Pacific and California Yearly Meetings. She was one of the Trustees of College Park Meeting, and in its meetings for worship she often spoke very helpfully and inspirationally.

"Her husband once wrote a poem which seems to fit her:

Happiest at the time are they
Who sow for others to reap —
Those only who have strived for good
Do we in memory keep—
And for those who lovingly served.

The served ones are wont to weep." (From a memorial written by her daughter, Dr. Faith Thomas.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our walk to Friends Meeting the other morning was cheered by a beautiful double rainbow, raised by the mingled sunshine and rain. Both are needed to lift the lovely curves of color into the sky. And so it is in life. Let us seek for the sun in the rain. Finding it we may expect the added blessing of a heavenly archway of beauty and hope above all.

It has been truly written that God is our life, and this is our rainbow promise of life eternal. It is well to behold the ever-present God, or Christ, in self and others as did Jesus of Nazareth nearly two thousand years ago. Understanding brings us the rainbow of harmony as we help one another. Let us find the divine light of God's goodness shining in each person or situation we meet. Good, the substance of God, is always present. It is the perfect rainbow, encircling the shadow of our true selfhood. Christian friendship with all others is the glowing way to perfect peace, prosperity, humility, health and harmony, — to perfect unity with the Father.

—CLIFFORD NORTH MERRY
Los Angeles Meeting

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I read the Bulletin as it comes to the John Woolman Memorial, Mt. Holly, N.J., where my wife and I have been caretakers over a year now, because I am interested in Friends across the country and know some of the people who belong to Pacific Yearly Meeting.

The forthright confessions of Cheecye Ishida remind me of a statement which Ghandi is reported to have

made to Christian missionaries who pled with him to become a Christian, as reported in E. Stanley Jones' *An Interpretation*. In substance his reply was, until he could see more of Christ in Christians he was not prepared to join them. In reality he was living out the precepts of Christ more fully than many who claim to be followers.

Probably most of us professing Christians realize that we do come far short, and we may even be stumbling blocks to those who are not yet committed. But for those who have taken up the Way of the Cross, the blocks become stepping stones, because we comfort one another in the availability of the Helper to carry us up and over the blocks. It is our human weakness, and our neglecting to keep close to the Master that brings reproach upon the name of Christ.

—SAMUEL COOPER
Mt. Holly, N.J.

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Cheecye Ishida expresses difficulties that have troubled many good folks. There is some help for the problem in a study of the origins of those doctrines which make trouble, also the origins of the books of the Bible themselves and how the accepted "Canon" was established.

The teachings of Jesus are free of many of man's ideas that have been given the force of acceptance by "established" churches; but even the recorded statements of Jesus need to be examined in the light of the language He used and the language in which they are set down for us. "King James" language had meanings different from what we understand, and when we go back to the Latin, Greek or to the original Aramaic, many things are clearer.

—HAROLD E. ROY
Santa Cruz Worship Group

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American Friends sometimes wonder what they can do to help people affected by the racial tensions in South Africa. One opportunity is to contribute to the "Quaker Southern African Fund for Inter-racial Work," of which W. SCARNELL LEAN is treasurer (58 Loch Ave., Parktown West, Johannesburg, South Africa). The fund is concerned with two carefully selected projects: a child guidance clinic which serves all races; and a community center which serves a township of "the 10,000 poorest Indians in Durban", a group which, under apartheid, often suffers as much discrimination as do Africans. Friends who wish to help this work may contribute directly to the treasurer, or I should be glad to forward contributions to South Africa.

—FERNER NUHN
420 W. 6th St., Claremont, Calif.

YOUNG FRIENDS NEWS

Two groups of young Friends have recently served sacrificial meals to their Meetings. The San Fernando young people chose the holiday season (December 17, 1961) to invite the Meeting to pause together to meditate on the plight of less fortunate brothers in war-torn areas of the world. They asked all to contribute the cost of a "normal" meal, while they partook of rice and tea. The money was sent to the American Friends Service Committee for relief in Algeria.

The Multnomah Junior Young Friends class served Multi-purpose Food after family meeting January 28, 1962, charging a set price of 39c for grown-ups, 19c for children, in order to raise money for their year's project, the adoption of a child in Hong Kong. In

TEEN-AGE ADVENTURES — camping afar, under Quaker leadership. Trips to Hawaii, Costa Rica Friends, or eastern U.S. Write Ken Stevens, 8-3473 California, Modesto, Calif., Adv.

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**PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
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choosing an adoption procedure, they were kindly assisted by the Friends of the Hong Kong Meeting, who personally knew of several nurseries doing excellent and imaginative work with children.

The Multnomah Meeting newsletter says: "The menu was not so hearty as our customary inimitable pot-lucks, but the fellowship was warm. We discovered again that it is wonderful to visit together, over a simple meal as well as when we compete to see who can eat the most kinds of dessert."

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Beginning in January, the Young Friends of Honolulu Meeting have taken over the teaching of the regular Sunday-school classes. Participating in this service are MIDDY COX, STRAT JAQUETTE and BETSEY KORTSCHAK.

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The Young Friends of North America have a concern for greater understanding among all Friends groups. They brought this concern to the January, 1962 meeting of Friends World Committee at Indianapolis, Ind. The committee encouraged them in this concern and urged them to carry out plans for visitation this summer, especially among Evangelical Friends, as way opens. The correspondent for the project is JIM VAUGHN, West Elkton, Ohio.

From an AFSC meeting: Be sure the brain is in gear before the mouth is put into motion.

JUNIOR-HIGH ADVENTURE

Sixteen boys and girls, presently in the 7th, 8th or 9th grades, will have the opportunity this summer of an adventure-trip to Argenta, B.C., July 11 to August 13. This is the fourth such trip under the sponsorship of Pacific Ackworth Friends School. It will involve ten days in Argenta, Canada, where a Friends High School is located. We will work, play, study, discuss, and worship with the Argenta Friends, participating in their music-arts festival for part of the time.

The trip to and from Argenta will include Camp Sierra Co-op Institute, Donner State Park, Salt Lake City, Grand Tetons, Yellowstone, Grand Coulee Dam, Crater Lake, Shasta Dam, and the California Coast redwoods.

The trip will end the first day of Pacific Yearly Meeting at Bethany College, near Santa Cruz, Calif. Those wishing to stay through Yearly Meeting should make arrangements in advance and plan to pay its costs in addition to the trip. Transportation away from Santa Cruz is not included in the trip costs, but will be arranged with individuals on August 13 at slight extra cost.

The registration fee is \$50 for those not currently attending Pacific Ackworth School. There will be an additional charge of \$55 for food, and \$67.50 for transportation. We will, of course, be camping most of the time.

Students interested should request an application blank as soon as possible from JOHN W. WAY, JR., Director, Junior-High Adventure, 6210 Temple City Blvd., Temple City, Calif.

—JOHN W. WAY, JR.

Pacific Ackworth Worship Group

LEADERSHIP GRANTS

Applications for leadership grants under the Clement and Grace Biddle Foundation should be submitted by April 1, 1962. These grants are made to members of the Society of Friends who have shown the possibility of leadership in their local Meetings. A few are available for study or travel on some special project, but most are for the summer only and include travel to important centers of the Society: Richmond, Ind., Washington, D.C., New York, and Philadelphia. They also include a short period of study at Pendle Hill. The West Coast representative is FERNER NUHN, 420 W. 8th St., Claremont, Calif., and applications may be sent directly to him or to Friends World Committee, 160 N. 15th St., Philadelphia 2, Pa.

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